

Amendments to the Claims:

Please cancel claims 1 to 11 as presented in the underlying International Application No. PCT/EP2004/052175 without prejudice. Please add new claims as indicated in the claim listing below.

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1 to 11 (canceled).

Claim 12 (new): An arrangement for securing contact straps for multiphase switching devices comprising:

a switching device housing having straight guide elements and receiving holes;
contact straps received in an installed position in the switching device housing via the guide elements, each contact strap having a connecting terminal at an outer end and a stationary contact member at an inner end, the stationary contact member capable of being brought into operative contact with a movable contact member, each contact strap being provided with a through-hole, the through-holes in the installed position coinciding with one of the receiving holes in the switching device housing; and

an insertion comb having insertion pins extending through the through-holes and into the associated receiving holes and a connecting web connecting the insertion pins, the insertion comb being made of insulating material.

Claim 13 (new): The arrangement as recited in claim 12 wherein the insertion pins are clamped in the receiving holes.

Claim 14 (new): The arrangement as recited in claim 12 further comprising a housing cover holding down the insertion comb.

Claim 15 (new): The arrangement as recited in claim 12 wherein the insertion pins, through-holes and receiving holes have a cylindrical or prismatic shape.

Claim 16 (new): The arrangement as recited in claim 12 wherein the insertion pins have a slit along a longitudinal axis.

Claim 17 (new): The arrangement as recited in claim 12, wherein the insertion pins have an entry bevel at a free end.

Claim 18 (new): The arrangement as recited in claim 12, wherein connecting web has compensating slots between the insertion pins, said compensating slots being open on one side and extending parallel to the insertion pins.

Claim 19 (new): The arrangement as recited in claim 12 wherein the connecting web includes a handle opposite the insertion pins.

Claim 20 (new): The arrangement as recited in claim 12 wherein the contact straps have knobs in clamping contact with the guide elements.

Claim 21 (new): The arrangement as recited in claim 12 wherein the switching device housing has phase barriers with receiving slots receiving the connecting web.

Claim 22 (new): The arrangement as recited in claim 21 wherein the connecting web has compensating slots brought into a cross connection with the receiving slots.